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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 21 September and 10 October 1953, [redacted] about 800 men were employed for the construction work at the new barracks installation east of Drachhausen, that construction work was sped up and that the installation was scheduled to be ready for occupation by 15 November. After 12 October, about 100 Soviet soldiers from Camp Forst Tauer will allegedly be employed for clearing and transportation work. During the period of observation, several motor vehicles were withdrawn and replaced by 9 other vehicles from the Soviet construction headquarters at Leipzig.

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[redacted] It was said that a unit from Camp Forst Tauer, which had formerly been stationed in Spremberg, was to move into the new barracks installation.

2. The following column was seen leaving Camp Forst Tauer toward Cottbus on 9 October: 25 sidecar motorcycles with machine guns, about 40 trucks with troops and equipment, about 8 x 57-mm AT guns, about 20 trucks with pontons and bridge building equipment and 2 rocket launchers.

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3. On 9 October, 12 tanks [redacted] were loaded in Lieberose.

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4. At about 7 p.m. on 8 October, a column of about 50 trucks with troops, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, several sidecar motorcycles, and 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers was seen en route toward Tauer on the Lamsfeld-Lieberose road.

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5. On 15 October, [redacted] construction work on the new barracks installation east of Drachhausen was nearing completion. The 24 buildings observed were provided with roofs and 20 of them had already windows. Interior installation work was being done. A Soviet guard detail was quartered in a low, brick building, about 15 x 20 meters, in the northeastern corner of the installation. The tents in which the guard detail had previously been quartered were removed. More unidentified buildings were under construction south of the barracks area. Eight structures had

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been established. [redacted] traffic 25X1
 to the barracks installatio. The road passing the north side of the installation
 was blocked by barriers about 20 meters from the installation. The barriers
 were occupied by German civilians.¹

- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Information on the location of the barracks installation east
 of Brachhausen was contained in a previous report. [redacted] 25X1
 The detachment of a fatigue detail from Camp Forst Tauer, [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 [redacted] 9th Hecz Div as well as the fact that a unit from Spremberg was
 mentioned lead to the assumption that the 30th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt will actually
 move into the new installation. The regiment had vacated the barracks installation
 in Spremberg in May 1953, when it was turned over to the
 25X1 KVP. [redacted]
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The return to their Cottbus post from Camp Forst Tauer of
 elements of the 9th Hecz Div was confirmed [redacted] 25X1
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- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The tanks belong to the 7th Gds Hecz Div.

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